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SUBJECT: SIXTH TROPICAL PRODUCTS MEETING

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1. THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP COMPLETED WORK
OCT 20 WITH A CAREFULLY-NEGOTIATED TEXT COVERING
EVERYONE'S POSITION. U.S. POSITION THAT IT WAS NOT
PREPARED TO MAKE UNILATERAL CONCESSIONS IN THE MTN
WAS CLEARLY STATED, AND IS PRESERVED BY DECISION OF
THE GROUP THAT OFFER-MAKING COUNTRIES SHOULD "WORK
TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR CONCESSIONS AND
CONTRIBUTIONS ON JAN 1 OR AS EARLY THEREAFTER
IN 1977 AS POSSIBLE." WITH RESPECT TO THE FUTURE
WORK OF THE GROUP, MOST OFFER-MAKING COUNTRIES,
INCLUDING THE NORDICS, THE EC, CANADA, AND AUSTRALIA
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STATED THAT ANY FURTHER ACTION COULD ONLY BE EXPECTED

IN THE OVERALL CONTEXT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.
REQUESTING COUNTRIES STATED THAT THE GROUP
SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO SECURE MEANINGFUL RESULTS
AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF INITIAL OFFERS. UNFORTUNATELY ALL
REPEAT ALL REQUESTING COUNTRIES ARE RECORDED AS STATING
THE POSITION THAT ANY CONTRIBUTIONS THEY WOULD
MAKE WOULD BE IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT OF THE
NEGOTIATIONS (ALTHOUGH IN FACT ONLY THREE ACTUALLY
SAID THEY WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE IN TP CONTEXT.)
CHAIRMAN'S SUMMING UP ANDN FULLER MTN DEL REPORT
WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.

2. COMMENT: MTN DEL APPRECIATIVE OF FLEXIBILITY
PROVIDED IN PARA 3(4)(C) IN REFTTEL, BUT DID NOT
BELIEVE THAT THIS WOULD ADVANCE SIGNIFICANTLY OUR
OBJECTIVE OF OBTAINING CONTRIBUTIONS. DURING AND
SUBSEQUENT TO THE MEETING SEVERAL LDC SEDEGATIONS
INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE BILATERAL
CONSULTATIONS AT WHICH TIME WE WILL EVALUATE WHETHER
THIS FLEXIBILITY IS IMPORTANT TO ACHIEVING CONTRIBUTIONS.
MTN DEL IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED IN PREVIOUS
CABLES DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT LDCS HAVE TAKEN THE STRICT
POSITION OF NO CONTRIBUTIONS IN THIS GROUP BUT RATHER
THAT NO LDC CAN APPEAR TO BE WAVERING FROM THIS
POSITION IN PLENARY SESSIONS. WE PLAN TO
PURSUE THE BILATERAL INITIATIVES THAT HAVE
BEEN MADE AND WILL SUBSEQUENT TO THESE SESSIONS
RECOMMEND A FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION. WALKER

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